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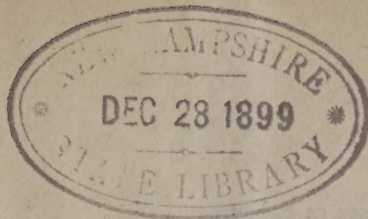
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REPORT

*Of the Selectmen and Superintending School
Committee of the Town of Chatham, from
March 1, 1883 to March 1, 1884.*

REPORT.

Money Raised and Assessed, 1883.

For Support of Schools,	\$500.00
Contingent Expenses,	500.00
County Tax,	439.86
State Tax,	240.00
Dog Tax,	12.00
Overlay in assessment,	50.69
Whole sum assessed,	<u>\$1742.55</u>

Money raised for Repairs of Highway and Bridges, 1883.

Voted,	\$1,200.00
Overlay in Assessments,	29.65
Whole amount assessed,	<u>\$1,229.65</u>
Rate of Taxation, 14 mills on a dollar—Money Tax.	

Orders drawn for Contingent Expenses.

Josiah W. Walker, Supervisor of check list,	\$8.00
Osborn Anderson, Crow Bounty,	.50
John Locke, for goods furnished Lydia Weeks,	10.49
Osborn Anderson, goods furnished Folsom,	8.46
Asa Chandler, supervisor of Check List,	8.00
Samuel Harndon, abatement of Tax,	2.20
Reuben Cole, care of Town House,	2.00
Edwin S. Lang, Blanks and Books,	3.10

William Fife, services as Selectman,	28.00
Osborn Anderson " " "	20.34
Calvin Stiles, abatement of Tax,	1.36
Lydia Weeks, for expenses,	2.00
Clark G. Bovee, abatement Taxes,	3.51
Mary Fife, " "	2.04
Mrs Calvin Osgood " "	2.04
" Olive Brickett " "	5.34
" Louisa R. Fife " "	3.04
Ernest H. Owen, Supervisor of Check List,	4.50
Edwin S. Lang for horse hire,	1.25
Dexter Charles for services as treasurer,	9.00
John Locke, goods for Lydia Weeks,	10.98
W. C. Towle for medical attendance on Lydia Weeks,	37.50
Edson Guptil for boarding teacher,	12.00
Charles Binford for bridge plank,	4.30
Samuel B. Charles, for bridge plank,	8.25
Minnie Anderson, for Teaching School,	30.00
Samuel B. Charles, for bridge plank,	.95
Richard F. Chandler, for Crow Bounty,	4.80
Alice H. Eastman, for Teaching School,	38.50
Mark Coolbroth, abatement of Tax,	6.79
Loren Harriman, " " "	1.36
William Fife, Bounty on Crows,	.30
Horace Binford, for teaching School	65.75
Albert Spencer, " " "	73.95
Frank Locke, for Bridge Plank,	13.70
Waldo Nash, for teaching School,	54.70
Jacob C. Eastman, for boarding Teacher,	13.00
Robert H. Eastman, for Repairs on School House,	.75
Irene Dresser, for teaching School,	34.00
B. F. Harriman, for cutting wood for Widow Meader,	3.50
Frank Harriman, for cutting wood,	16.50
Frank Hill, for Wood for School,	9.10
Francis Abbott, for work on Town House,	7.00
Richard F. Chandler, " " " "	13.00
Dana Hill, for repairs on School House,	7.90

Madison O. Charles, Bear Bounty,	10.00
Horace J. Binford, School Committee,	9.50
I. E. Clay for Lead and Oil for Town House,	29.60
Minnie Anderson, for Teaching School,	15.00
Mrs. Burbank, for taking care of Lydia Weeks,	9.00
Clifford Walker, Bounty on Crows,	.90
Irving Mabury, for Medical attendance on Mrs. Harndon,	56.00
Carrie M. Kilgore, for Teaching School,	24.00
Irene Dresser, " " "	33.70
Benjamin F. Harriman, Wood for Mrs. Meader,	4.00
Ellen Roberts, for Teaching School,	22.50
Willis Brackett, services as Clerk and Supervisor,	25.80
E. S. Lang, Crow Bounty,	.50
Robert K. Eastman, Boarding Teacher,	11.00
Seth Webb, Bridge Plank,	3.00
John Smith, Boarding Teacher,	9.17
George Shirley, for Injury to Horse,	40.00
James M. Weeks, for Casket,	15.00
Charles Binford, Bridge Plank,	1.50
Calvin Stiles, abatement of Tax,	1.44
Moses Harriman " " "	.75
Amos Haley, " " "	1.23
Edson Guptill, repairs on School House,	5.00
Jonathan Johnson, Wood for Dis. No. 3,	6.00
	\$938.34

Orders given for non-resident Highway Taxes worked out by owners in 1883.

McKenney & Clay,	\$10.22
Warren & Clay,	17.01
Everett Anderson,	1.63
Heirs of H. D. E. Hutchins,	15.27
F. Y. Bradley,	4.61
Merritt E. Clay,	16.52
Nathaniel Hardy,	2.25
Amos Haley,	23.26

William D. Emerson,	1.71
Isaac Walker,	1.78
Joseph Richardson,	1.33
Moses Harriman,	1.02
Thomas Day,	3.61
R. & J. Hastings,	3.62
Thomas J. Haley,	.51
Hiram K. Hobbs.	1.78
Samuel B. Charles,	2.05
Joseph Richardson,	1.13
Brown and Company,	3.73
B. F. Harriman,	7.00
Frank Drew,	2.00
George Gordon,	3.07
Warren & Clay,	10.00
John Bachelder,	.10
Adam Brown,	9.22
Brown & Co.,	8.00
Walter B. Nutter,	4.30
Charles H. Tibbetts,	3.89
James Hardy,	3.07
Bradley & Walker,	10.25
Noyes Abbott,	2.80
Moses W. Abbott,	4.04
Mrs. J. C. Ellis,	6.15
David H. Chandler,	.10
Heirs of Widow David Bradley,	9.54
Joseph Irish,	1.53
P. A. Bradley,	2.24
Warren & Clay,	23.00
	\$201.37

***Orders Drawn for Repair of Roads and Bridges for
the year 1883.***

Otis W. G. Carlton,	\$9.50
Benjamin F. Harriman,	12.00
Seth Webb,	1.00

Alvin Head,	23.50
Uriah L. Pinkham,	1.74
Albert F. McIntire,	10.00
Stephen Twombly,	3.00
Charles Binford,	11.95
Alvin Head,	7.00
	\$79.69

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The following is a List of all the Orders now outstanding against the town of Chatham, with amount and to whom drawn up to March 1, 1884.

James E. Hutchins,	\$22.50
Jacob C. Eastman,	14.00
Paul Chandler,	27.00
David Potter,	27.00
Loren Eastman,	15.00
Dr. Frank Mitchell,	91.50
Dr. Frank Mitchell,	6.00
Dr. Frank Mitchell,	75.00
David H. Chandler,	30.00
L. R. Giles,	36.00
David Potter,	16.00
David Chandler,	18.00
Dr. Irving Mabury,	56.00
George Shirley,	40.00
Charles Binford,	1.50
Edson Guptill,	5.00
Horace Binford,	65.75
Albert B. Spencer,	73.95
Waldo Nash,	54.70
Jacob C. Eastman,	13.00
Robert K. Eastman,	.75
B. F. Harriman,	3.50
Frank Harriman,	16.50
Horace Binford,	9.50
I. E. Clay,	29.60
	\$735.75

Money appropriated for the Support of the Poor, \$174.77

Division of School Money.

District No. 1,	\$30.00
“ “ 2,	107.00
“ “ 3,	112.00
“ “ 4,	112.00
“ “ 5,	54.00
“ “ 7,	58.00
“ “ 8,	27.00
	\$500.00

The Literary Fund was divided equally among the Districts. To each District was given \$8.95.

Whole Amount of Literary Fund, \$62.65

The following is a List of Warrants issued to Surveyors of Highways with the name of Surveyor and Amount of List.

Number 1, Uriah L. Pinkham,	\$24.86
“ 2, Dana Hill,	83.32
“ 3, Frank Drew,	54.81
“ 4, I. E. Clay,	163.15
“ 5, Moses Stevens,	88.00
“ 6, Harvey Watson,	89.55
“ 7, Wilber Whitaker,	81.43
“ 8, Jacob C. Eastman,	132.83
“ 9, Charles Chandler,	113.64
“ 10, Philip Pitman,	13.15
“ 11, Alvin Head,	51.82

Financial Standing.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders,	\$735.75
Estimated Interest on same,	74.00
Balance due Schools,	73.41
State Tax,	240.00
Unadjusted Bills, about	200.00
Amount of Liabilities	\$1323.16

RESOURCES.

Due from Hill's List, 1883,	\$806.03
Due from McIntire's List, 1882,	47.48
State Literary Funds,	62.65
Bounty Money due from State,	17.20
Cash in Treasury,	188.48
Amount of Resources,	\$1121.84
Indebtedness of Town,	201.32

Respectfully Submitted.

WILLIAM FIFE,	{	<i>Selectmen</i> <i>of Chatham.</i>
EDWIN S. LANG,		
RICHARD F. CHANDLER,		

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Chatham :

The School Committee respectfully submit their Annual Report for the year ending March, 1884.

DISTRICT, No. 1. This school was taught by Miss Ellen S. Roberts. This was her first school. The school was so small that the Superintendent didn't deem it worth while to visit it.

DISTRICT, No. 2. Miss Minnie L. Anderson taught the summer term. The attendance was good. The school was not visited by the Superintendent, but I have reasons to think that the term was a satisfactory one.

The Winter term was taught by myself. The school was not visited by any other member of committee. I will say that the average attendance was good and advancement fair.

DISTRICT, No. 3. The Summer term was taught by Miss Carrie M. Kilgore. This was her first term of teaching and considering this fact and that the school is a difficult one, she did very well. An irregularity of attendance was the bad feature of the school for both the summer and winter terms. The winter term was taught by Mr. Albert B. Spencer. I did not note any special advancement. The school did not appear as quiet as I like to see, but I judge Mr. Spencer a thorough teacher for his experience.

DISTRICT, No. 4. Miss Alice L. Eastman taught the summer term. The school was visited only near the first of the term. Then everything seemed orderly and a good commencement had been made. I presume the school was successful. The winter term was taught by J. Waldo Nash. This was a very orderly school, and the advancement was slow but quite thorough. I judge he taught a very successful term of school.

DISTRICT, No. 5. Both the summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Irene E. Dresser. The school was not visited by Supt. yet from what I have learned by inquiry and otherwise, I should say that she was hardly up to the work.

DISTRICT, No. 6. The spring term as taught by Miss Minnie R. Anderson, I should pronounce as successful. The winter term is in charge of Miss Kilgore. The school commenced well.

DISTRICT, No. 8. There was but one term in this district and that during the winter. Miss Fannie L. Eastman teaches here. The school is very small indeed. The teacher I judge to be competent.

In reviewing the school year just past, I find little change from last year. There seems to be a great lack of interest, and irregularity of attendance is a bad feature of the schools but more especially of the larger ones. This is very much to be deplored as the privileges are so limited. I would respectfully call the attention of parents, guardians and others to the law in regard to non-attendance. It can be found by reference to the General Laws or to the School Notices posted throughout the town. There is a sad lack of uniformity of text-books which ought to be remedied as soon as a chance can be made for the better. I also note a tendency to hire inexperienced teachers. This is a mistake. For we cannot afford to have our children taught *untrouths* or *fooled in government*.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF SCHOOLS.

Dis.	TEACHER.	TERM.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attend- ance.	Weeks of School.	Wages per Month.	No. not Absent.	Visits by Supt.	Visits by Citizens	Amount belonging to Dis.	Amount due District
No. 1.	Ellen S. Roberts. . . .	Summer.	5	4	9	18.00	1	0	7	38.95	\$7.38
" 2.	Minnie L. Anderson.	Summer.	14	12.4	10	12.00	9	0	9	115.95	11.08
	Horace J. Binford. . . .	Winter..	13	11	10.8	25.00	1	0	5		
" 3.	Carrie M. Kilgore. . . .	Summer.	37	28	12	12.00	1	2	7	120.95	120.95
	Albert B. Spencer. . . .	Winter..	24	18	12.4	24.00	0	2	4		
" 4.	Alice L. Eastman. . . .	Summer.	23	19	11	14.00	4	1	9	120.95	3.00
	J. Waldo Nash.	Winter..	28	25.5	11	20.00	0	2	6		
" 5.	Irene E. Dresser.	Summer.	6		10	13.48	6	0	6	62.00	
	Irene E. Dresser.	Winter..	10		10	14.00	5	0	5		
" 7.	Minnie L. Anderson.	Spring..								66.95	51.95
* "	Carrie M. Kilgore. . . .	Winter..									
*" 8.	Fannie L. Eastman. . .	Winter..								35.95	35.95

*In Session.

H. J. BINFORD, Supt.

